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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY FOR SAUDI CULTURAL AFFAIRS
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1. ABDUL AZIZ MANGOUR IS SECOND SECRETARY WITH SAUDI UN MISSION. DEPARTMENT HAS NO FORMAL RECORD OF SALEH BAWAZIR IN ANY CAPACITY ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND HE MAY BE ATTACHED TO SAUDI EDUCATIONAL OFFICE IN NY. TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, IRANIAN AND KUWAITI EMBASSIES HANDLE STATE-SUPPORTED STUDENT MATTERS THROUGH EMBASSY-BASED DIPLOMATS.

2. DEPARTMENT NOTES WITH APPROVAL AMBASSADOR PLANS PURSUE DALLAS CONSULATE IDEA WITH FORMIN. BESIDES OFFERING POTENTIAL FOR EXPANSION INTO OTHER FIELDS WHICH SHOULD APPEAR ATTRACTIVE TO SAUDIS, CONSULAR POST WOULD HAVE FURTHER ADVANTAGE OF PREMISES INVIOABILITY. (EMBASSY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT DIPLOMATIC STATUS DEPARTMENT GRANTS EXCEPTIONALLY TO INCUMBENTS OF DESIGNATED POSITIONS IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADDITIONAL BENEFIT FROM CONSULATE MECHANISM WOULD BE ENTITLEMENT OF SUBORDINATE STAFF MEMBERS IN PROPER VISA STATUS TO DUTY-FREE PRIVILEGE AND OFFICIAL ACTS IMMUNITY.

3. EMBASSY MAY AS ALTERNATIVE SUGGEST SAUDIS ATTACH MANGOUR TO EMBASSY STAFF WITH RESIDENCE IN WASHINGTON, WITH FREEDOM TO MAKE EXTENDED TRIPS TO DALLAS AND ELSEWHERE ON STUDENT BUSINESS WITHOUT IMPAIRING DIPLOMATIC STATUS.

4. WE SYMPATHETIC TO CONCERN THAT OUR NOT GRANTING DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY TO SAUDI OFFICIAL RESIDENT IN DALLAS COULD AFFECT STATUS OF USIA, STATE AND OTHER PERSONNEL IN RIYADH. HOWEVER, WE WOULD PREFER FOLLOW COURSE IN ABOVE PARAGRAPHS AND LEAVE CONSIDERATION DIPLOMATIC RECIPROCITY UNTIL SUCH TIME AS SAUDI ACTIONS MAY MAKE THIS NECESSARY. EVEN IF THIS DID HAPPEN, WE CANNOT BE OPTIMISTIC THAT WE COULD GRANT DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY TO SAUDI OFFICIAL FORMALLY RESIDENT IN DALLAS. KISSINGER

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